



Minutes

For

RDU STaRS User Group Meeting #13

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The Roadway Design STaRS User group held a meeting on August 14, 2007 in the Roadway Design Conference Room. The following were in attendance

Ron Allen	Rekha Patel	Gary Lovering	Jimmy Norris	Greg Brew
Robert Stroup	Jay Bennett	Roger Thomas	Ron McCollum	

The major topics and a summary of discussions for each of those topics are shown below.

- **Update from Project STaRS User Group**

Greg Brew briefed the group on items discussed at the Project STaRS User Group meeting. A demonstration of the Forecast Aging Report was shown to the group. This demonstration was similar to the one given to Roadway and PDEA. Gary Lovering asked when the “go live” date was for this report since it was supposed to “go live” a week after the demonstrations. No one in the group knew. The Business Warehouse was also discussed at the meeting. See below for more information on Business Warehouse.

- **Business Warehouse**

The Business Warehouse is a database of R/3 data. A system dump of R/3 is performed every night to update the database. A number of reports have been set up to pull data from the database. The reports were created by IT and can only be modified by IT. Co-Project Managers already have BW access because of their user status. Training on how to use BW is being provided on a regular basis. Ron Allen thought BW would be a very helpful tool, especially for middle and upper management, to quickly view data and see if projects are up to date. Ron Allen will ask Brenda Franks if a demonstration can be set up for the RDU STaRS User Group.

- **Network Streamlining Process**

Jimmy Norris is investigating streamlining the current standard networks by removing activities and activity elements that are not used on a regular basis (less than 60% of the time) and renumbering the activities to better represent the current workflow. In regards to streamlining, groups have been reluctant to remove activities since it was not easy to put them back in the networks. Jimmy has developed a library that contains all of the 99 activities and elements, which allows a user to easily add activities to a network. Jimmy demonstrated this process of adding an activity to a network with the library and



asked for comments. The group gave approval for Jimmy to demonstrate the process to the Project STaRS User Group but would like to further test the process.

Greg Brew will start reviewing Roadway's activities in the New Location, Widening, and Bridge Replacement networks and email the RDU User Group his recommended list of activities to be removed by August 24, 2007. The RDU User Group will review the list and comment back by August 31, 2007.

- **Poor Man's Preconstruction Dashboard**

The Poor Man's Preconstruction Dashboard is essentially a ZCNS47 report and a ZCNS53 report that uses a specific variant to check the status of activities and milestones. The status of the activities and milestones are represented by a red, yellow, or green dot. The variants needed to run the reports are LATEACTIVITIES for the ZCNS47 report and LATEMILESTONES for the ZCNS53 report. Both variants can be accessed by typing in jnorris in the Created by text box on the variant dialogue box.

- **Work on Milestone Conformation Spreadsheet**

Tabled until streamlining as been completed.

- **The next User Group meeting is set for September 13, 2007 at 9:00 am in the RDCR**